

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

BERTRAM LOEB,	:	
		Plaintiff,
	:	
v.	:	Case No. 02-CV-3833
	:	
BANK OF AMERICA	:	
and	:	
HERBERT S. GARTEN, ESQUIRE;	:	
SHELDON G. DAGURT, ESQUIRE;	:	
FEDDER & GARTEN, P.A.	:	
	:	
Defendants.	:	

**MOTION OF THE LAW FIRM DEFENDANTS TO
DISMISS FOR LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION AND
FOR IMPROPER VENUE OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE,
TO TRANSFER PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a)**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2) and 12(b)(3), Defendants Herbert S. Garten, Esquire ("Mr. Garten"), Sheldon G. Dagurt, Esquire ("Mr. Dagurt"), and Fedder and Garten Professional Association ("F&G") (collectively, "the Law Firm Defendants"), by their undersigned attorneys, hereby move to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction and for improper venue or, in the alternative, to transfer pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a). The grounds for this motion are as follows:

- (a) this lawsuit arises from the operations and governance of a Maryland corporation which is located in Maryland and the stock of which is primarily owned by Maryland trusts;
- (b) specific or general personal jurisdiction does not exist over the Law Firm Defendants, who are Maryland lawyers without minimum contacts with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

- (c) Plaintiffs' complaint does not allege any of the prerequisites for venue under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a);
- (d) the record affirmatively shows that none of the statutory prerequisites for venue exists; and
- (e) even assuming *arguendo* that the lack of personal jurisdiction and the improper venue could be overlooked, a discretionary transfer of venue would nevertheless be appropriate and necessary pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a).

Additional grounds for this motion are set forth in the accompanying memorandum, which is incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, the Law Firm Defendants request that this Court dismiss this action for lack of personal jurisdiction and for improper venue or, in the alternative, transfer this action to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19th day of August, 2002, copies of the foregoing Motion of the Law Firm Defendants to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction and For Improper Venue Or, in the Alternative, To Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and the accompanying Memorandum of Law, Request for Oral Argument, and Proposed Order were mailed, first-class and postage prepaid, to:

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